

Islip, NY – Islip Town Supervisor Phil Nolan is pleased to announce that residents have collected over 8,500 pounds of recycled batteries over the past year. Battery drums were placed in public schools and libraries in Bayport, Bay Shore, Brentwood, Bohemia, Central Islip, East Islip, Hauppauge, Holbrook, Islip, Lake Ronkonkoma, Oakdale, Ronkonkoma, Sayville, and West Islip.

The various locations for the collections enabled all Town residents to participate in this environmentally friendly event.

Batteries contain various toxic and harmful materials, including mercury, lead, nickel and cadmium, and when thrown out conventionally, they end up in landfills, where these materials can leak slowly into the surrounding land and groundwater.

“Regardless of the material being recycled, it is so important that we each do our part to keep our environment and community clean for future generations to come,” said Supervisor Nolan. “If you have any used batteries to dispose of, please make sure you do it properly.”

The Islip community began to take part in recycling batteries in 2007. In the first year of the program, a total of 4,720 pounds of batteries were recycled, followed by 6,320 pounds in 2008. In 2009 there were 5,008 pounds of recycled batteries collected, and throughout 2010 the Town has been able to collect 8,660 pounds of batteries. By the end of the year the Town hopes to see a 300% increase in the number of batteries recycled since the inception of this program.